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FROM ATHERTON

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MINISTER BEGIN AT KNESSET, MARCH 7, 1978

1. ATHERTON: LET ME GIVE YOU A LITTLE SUMMARY. FIRST OF ALL, I FILLED IN THE PRIME MINISTER, AS I HAD THE FOREIGN MINISTER EARLIER TODAY, ON MY TALKS IN AMMAN AND MY MOST RECENT TALKS IN CAIRO. WE ALSO HAD A CHANCE TO DISCUSS IN A PRELIMINARY WAY SOME OF THE SUBJECTS AND ISSUES THAT WILL BE DISCUSSED DURING THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON. I CAN SAY THAT WE ARE ALL VERY MUCH LOOKING FORWARD TO THE VISIT. THE TALKS THERE, I'M SURE, WILL BE CARRIED FORWARD IN THE FRIENDLY UNCLASSIFIED

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AND OPEN SPIRIT THAT HAS CHARACTERIZED THE ENDURING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL. LET ME NOW JUST SAY A WORD ABOUT MY OWN ACTIVITIES. THIS IS THE END OF THIS LEG OF MY MISSION. I'M RETURNING BY THE END OF THIS WEEK TO WASHINGTON TO BE THERE FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT. I THINK THAT THE TALKS THAT HAVE BEEN HELD DURING THE LAST COUPLE OF WEEKS THAT I HAVE BEEN HERE HAVE BEEN VERY USEFUL.

WE'VE FOCUSED ON THE NEGOTIATION OF A DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES FOR A COMPREHENSIVE PEACE SETTLEMENT IN THIS AREA. WE HAVE NARROWED THE DIFFERENCES IN SOME RESPECTS WITH REGARD TO THE DECLARATION, AND I THINK WE HAVE ALSO ESTABLISHED THE PATTERN OF CONTINUITY IN THE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH I AM SURE WILL CONTINUE, NEXT THROUGH THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT, AND FOLLOWING THAT I ASSUME THROUGH MY RETURN TO THE AREA AT SOME POINT AFTER THAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU WHEN I RETURN.

2. Q. ARE YOU STAYING HERE UNTIL YOU GO BACK TO WASHINGTON, MR. ATHERTON?

3. ATHERTON: NO. I'M LEAVING HERE TOMORROW. AND I WILL BE STOPPING OFF IN EUROPE ON THE WAY BACK. ONE ISSUE THAT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED IN SOME OF MY EARLIER MEETINGS WITH THE PRESS HAS BEEN MY ORIGINALLY PLANNED VISIT TO SAUDIA ARABIA. I MIGHT JUST MENTION HERE THAT THERE WAS A PROBLEM OF SCHEDULING. I WANTED VERY MUCH TO SEE THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF SAUDI ARABIA WHO HAS BEEN IN EUROPE. ORIGINALLY IT WAS THOUGHT THAT HE WOULD BE BACK IN TIME FOR ME TO SEE HIM IN RIYADH. AS IT TURNS OUT HE HAS NOT YET RETURNED, AND WE ARE NOW WORKING OUT ARRANGEMENTS FOR ME TO MEET WITH HIM IN EUROPE ON MY WAY BACK.

4. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
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